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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel STAT
FROM:
SUBJECT: Appeal Strategy

1. Based on conversations with various oversight staffers, I suggest we refine our strategy to the following specifics:

--The Director should call Senator Bayh and ask to see him on some high priority budget matters. The Director should suggest that Senator Inouye be present and anyone else Bayh wishes. The Director, and you should attend.

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--The Director should call Senator Stennis and offer to brief him on some high priority items. He should discuss with Stennis having others from the Defense Subcommittee present, particularly Senator Young.

--The Director should call Representative Burlison and offer to brief him, Mr. Robinson, and anyone else from HPSCI that Burlison might wish on some high priority appeal items. (We can probably work this through Jim Bush if the DCI prefers.)

--The Director should call Mr. Mahon and offer to brief him on some high priority appeal items. He should tell Mahon that he is offering this briefing to other Defense Subcommittee members. (We could work this through Snodgrass if the DCI wishes.) Mahon (or Snodgrass) may ask for a briefing of the entire Subcommittee, which may have to be done. If this is not suggested, the DCI should attempt to meet and brief Mr. Addabbo, Mr. Chappell, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Kemp individually.

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2. In light of the attached Memorandum for the Record, I suggest we continue to investigate working with House Appropriations Committee staff assistants, but not attempt to do so in this part of the appeal process.

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3. It is important that these briefings be well coordinated with [redacted] and the IC Staff since they have to prepare any back-up material that the Director needs in order to do these briefings. IC Staff has already given the oversight committee staffs an unsigned draft of the appeal letter. They have permission of the Senate Appropriations Committee to do so. However, since this letter is addressed to the Conference, it will not actually be signed and sent until the Senate completes its appropriation action. This means that the Director must be reasonably careful in his briefings and needs precise support from the IC Staff.

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Memo as stated

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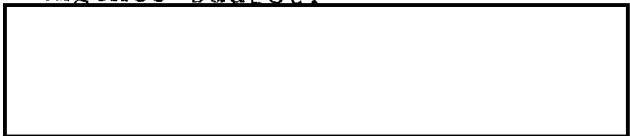
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Jim Bush, HPSCI staff, on House
Appropriations Committee Staff Assistants

On Friday, 15 September 1978, I called Jim Bush, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) staff, and asked him if he had ever heard of Henry Barbour who is listed as a staff assistant on the House Appropriations Committee (HAC) under the sponsorship of Representative Bill D. Burlison (D., Mo.). Bush said he had not and was surprised to know that Mr. Burlison had a man on that Committee since Mr. Burlison had asked Bush to do some staff work for him on the appropriation aspects of the intelligence budget. Late Friday afternoon, Bush called back to say that he had found out about Barbour. Barbour is a retired Navy captain who has represented Mr. Burlison on HAC since 1973. He keeps Mr. Burlison informed on major national defense issues and most recently was responsible for Mr. Burlison's strong role in the nuclear carrier dispute. But he does not service Mr. Burlison on intelligence matters because the Committee has voted to permit only professional staffers to handle intelligence matters. This situation was recently challenged by Representative Jack Kemp (R., N.Y.) but he lost in a Committee vote. Bush said that some of the staff assistants have compartmented clearances in order to permit them to see intelligence products, but they are not supposed to use these to get into the intelligence budget.


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